



EMPLOYEE REVIEWS

“Working for Columbus Early Learning Centres at Villa Charities was an enriching start to a career in Early Childhood Education. I started working part-time here when I was 17 as an Early Childhood Assistant. As time passed, I found my desire to work with children and decided to continue my professional development. I have been working for the company for 15 years, where I developed lasting relationships with all staff and children. I love working here because I can always learn about diverse cultures while working with all teams and families and accumulating solid professional experiences.”

- ***Nicole S. / Columbus Early Learning Centres***

“Working at Villa Charities has been a truly enriching experience, both professionally and personally.

I look forward to working with my amazing team every day and value the input and expertise they bring to all our projects. I also consider myself lucky to be able to work with a group of incredibly talented colleagues throughout the organization who are passionate about what they do. There is a great sense of camaraderie in the office among all levels of employees, creating an energetic work environment that fosters collaboration to achieve our collective goals. Our successes and milestones are recognized, and hard work and contributions to your team and the company are valued.

Due to the many lines of business and different affiliates as part of its corporate structure, Villa Charities offers a broad range of challenging and rewarding projects to work on, with many opportunities to be both strategic and creative in your approach.

It is a privilege to work alongside a diverse staff of different ages and cultural backgrounds, in a workplace that encourages an appreciation of various traditions while exemplifying Villa Charities’ vision of ‘inspiring people to explore the Italian in all of us.’

The Villa Charities Executive team has an open-door policy, and they are always accessible and receptive to feedback. They host regular meetings to share news and updates about the company and reinforce our mission, vision and values in their leadership.

HR takes a very proactive approach to staff well-being, and regularly organizes team activities and social events to engage employees. Frequent communications highlight the range of benefits offered and opportunities for professional development.

Villa Charities is an excellent place to work, and I enjoy the unique aspects of our company culture.”

- ***Kathleen S. / Marketing and Communications, Villa Charities***

"I started working at Columbus Centre Athletic Club in the Membership Office at the control desk on a part-time basis. As part of my work benefits, I was given a free membership to the Athletic Club. This inspired me to become a Personal Trainer and Group Fitness Instructor. I'm so lucky and grateful to work with such an amazing team, who encourage, motivate and provide guidance. It's rare to find a job where you feel supported and work well with your colleagues. I look forward to coming in every day, because even if I have a bad day, I know I have a great team by my side.

Working at CCAC is amazing and extremely fulfilling, and I love being able to help people, whether it's physically or mentally through my instruction. I want to give people a safe space to be themselves without judgement, where they can achieve their goals. I'm very grateful and feel lucky every day to work amongst such great people and an amazing team."

- ***Mercedes R. / Personal Trainer & Group Fitness Instructor, Columbus Centre Athletic Club***

"I have been working at Villa Charities for over 15 years now. I started my co-op here when I was just 15-years-old, and I found my love and appreciation for the field. After I finished my co-op, I started working part-time and after I completed high school, I was accepted into an Apprenticeship Program for Early Childhood Education. Now 17 years later, having had many experiences throughout the child care centres and with different age groups, I am now a Supervisor. It is a rewarding feeling being at this stage in life and I am grateful to continue and grow in this company."

- ***Courtney S. / Columbus Early Learning Centres***

"I've been working at Columbus Centre in the Membership Office for about 7 years. I've grown up here and have been given the opportunity to have my co-workers and supervisors become like a second family to me. I am always excited to come to work because it has never felt like a job, but more like time to catch up with my friends. Of course, there are certain responsibilities that each of us has, but I never feel overwhelmed. My job at the front desk as a Receptionist is to greet the members when they arrive at the gym and answer any questions they have. It has given me the opportunity to talk with our members and develop a sense of community with them. I am so grateful to have such amazing bosses who care for and love their employees. I will be forever grateful for the bonds and friendships that I have formed while working here!"

- ***Julia / Columbus Centre Athletic Club***

"Working at Casa Del Zotto is a great place to be. The staff are very friendly and were very helpful to me during my transition period. You can always ask questions and they are very respectful to all the staff. I am grateful to work here as part of the team."

- ***Aurora E. / Casa Del Zotto Independent Seniors' Apartments***